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FOLLOWING on the public announcement to the world of the agreement of alliance between France and Russia, there has been a perceptible forward move in several directions by Russia. It would seem as though, now that the alliance stands confessed in stead of being, as before, under the rose, the Russian Government had resolved to make all the profit possible therefrom. Having admitted the existence of the alliance they now feel free to use the dual power for all that it is capable of worth. False modesty will not stand in the way of Russia's using her giant's strength like a giant. At the same time she is not desirous to break the peace; she only aims at bringing overwhelming pressure to bear to compel consent to her demands, submission to her wishes, expressed or implied. There is, perhaps, to be no actual threat even, only the overawing influence of her vast power backed by the formidable resources of her republican ally. To many Powers the inclination of the wishes of the Russian Government will be all sufficient. For instance, it is not likely that Turkey will make any serious resistance to the demand by Russia for the payment of the arrears of the Russo-Turkish war indemnity, if that is insisted upon, or to the abandonment of any idea, if already incubated, for the reconstruction of the Turkish fleet out of the Greek war indemnity. If Russia decrees, in effect, that the Porte shall not have a fleet in the Bosphorus, no new warships will be built by the SULTAN. If any of the Balkan Kingdoms should, in the future, appear to be gaining too much prominence, the Czar will, but need to hold up his hand, and the fledgling Power will submit, if it is normal insubordination. If in some out-of-the-way corner of Asia Russia requires a foothold there is none to say her may unit by an agreement of the Western Powers. And how can an agreement be arrived at when France is pledged to assist Muscovite policy and Germany makes bids for the Czar's support?

For the moment, having seen Greece crippled and being in a position to checkmate any movement on the part of Turkey, Russia is not seemingly inclined to cause any commotion in Europe or to allow France to do so. It is stated, we know not what to measure of truth, that Russia has laid an embargo on all attempts by France to embarrass England in Egypt. At the same time she is negotiating a new commercial treaty with England for the encouragement of trade between the two countries. Of late years the Northern Colossus has taken an increased interest in the expansion of its trade, and it is not, therefore, altogether surprising that it should be desirous of retaining good commercial relations with the greatest trading country in the world. The total value of the Russian exports to the United Kingdom in 1895 was £24,736,019 and contained till after 11 p.m. Hon. H. E. Woodhouse imposed a tax of \$10.

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One result of the gold currency save the Japan Gazette, and it is a happiness for those who have deposits, is that the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation are able to announce that in future the interest on fixed deposits will be increased from four to five per cent for small deposits, from three and a half to four per cent for twenty-five deposits, and from two and a half to three per cent for three monthly deposits.

Inspector Duncan yesterday summoned Ng Tim Yau, residing at No. 25, Wyndham Street, for having, on the 16th, 17th, and 18th instant caused croakers to be fired and going to be beaten within prohibited hours. Defendants were Ng Tim Yau, and the groves were not burnt before 6 a.m., nor after 11 p.m. on any of the days in question. Evidence was, however, taken to show that the croaker firing was going on, and off, all day on those dates, and that the going was begun before 6 a.m. and continued till after 11 p.m. Hon. H. E. Woodhouse imposed a tax of \$10.

The weather of Tuesday night and yesterday was almost unprecedented for the month of November. Shortly after twelve o'clock on Tuesday night a thunderstorm broke over the colony and heavy rain continued to fall until daylight. As the morning wore on the weather improved and the sun occasionally made its appearance, and in the afternoon rain again stopped. At about 4 a.m. on Wednesday morning the existence of a depression to the southward of Hongkong and the north came to be noted. The rain fell for twenty-four hours up to 10 a.m. yesterday, as recorded at the Observatory, was 5.18 inches, while at the Botanic Gardens 6.22 inches were recorded.

At the Magistracy yesterday, a Japanese coffee house keeper at 122, Wellington Street, was charged with selling intoxicating liquors on the 9th instant. Mr. X. Almada e Castro, appeared for defence. It appeared from the evidence that at 7.45 on the evening of the 9th last Detective Sergeant Gidley gave J. Ledbury a marked 50 cent piece, and asked him to buy a bottle of rum. Ledbury said he had come to the house with a friend of his, and ordered a couple of beef steaks and some bread. They likewise asked for samphu which was brought them. Sergeant Gidley soon afterwards entered and found two tumblers containing samphu on the table, and a small bottle of the same liquor under it. The marked 50 cent piece was found in the tray at the counter. The grocer said that he had sold 50 cent pieces to the two men at the time of the purchase. Ledbury, however, denied that and said he saw the boy fetch the liquor from the kitchen. The defendant was fined \$7 and each of the two informants was awarded \$10.

A gallant rescue from drowning was made on Tuesday night by Bombarier Vaughan, of the Royal Artillery, and Private Barnett, of H. Co. West Yorkshire Regiment. The Commissary launch "Jubilee" was proceeding to Stonecutters with a number of men belonging to the detachment stationed there. Private Barnett was on board on military police duty. During the night when the launch was en route between Victoria Harbour and the mainland, a sailor fell overboard. Captain E. Riley went to the side and jumped overboard, apparently intending to commit suicide, as it is said to have been quite sober at the time. Bombarier Vaughan, diving himself into the spot where they were all found Riley, who apparently repented of his impulsive act, swam to him and immediately jumped in after him and the launch was at once stopped. Private Barnett, with great presence of mind, threw out four buoys, one of which was caught by the drowning man. 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AN UNPARALLELED CAREER.

Never before nor since has there been such a phenomenal run of success as that which distinguished Lord Falstaff's career. His power, however, was not without its failings, in every respect as that of his lordship, rare old Matthew Dawson, and the late Fred Archer. "Matt" Dawson had in previous years accomplished some remarkable things for Mr. Merry, notably, perhaps, with Thoroughbreds upon which I might touch later—but the combination will just mentioned appeared to be all-inclusive. In the first year of his career he won the Derby twice, with Kingcraft and Silvia, the Two Thousand Guineas three times, with Atlantic Charlie, and Galliard, the One Thousand Guineas four times, with Hurricane, St. Casius, Spinaway, and Wheel of Fortune (the latter a superb creature); the Woodcote Stakes (Epsom), with Ladylove; the Oaks four times, with Queen Bee, and with the brilliant new colts, Silver Sceptre and Ambassador; the Prince of Wales Stakes (Ascot) three times, with Queen's Messenger; Wheed of Fortune and Galliard; the July Stakes, with Bal Gal; the Chesterfield Stakes four times, with Kingcraft, Silver Sceptre, and Galliard; the Richmond Stakes twice, with Bal Gal; the Gold Cup twice, with the Great Yorkshire Stakes (York) twice, with Gertie and Lady Golightly; the Champion Stakes (Doncaster) three times, with Fortune; Lady Golightly and Bal Gal; the St. Leger (Doncaster) three times, with Silvio, Jaquette, and Dutch Oven; the Great Flat Stakes with Dutch Oven; the Great Challenge Stakes with Dandy; the Club Stakes, with Fortune; and the Criterion Stakes twice, with Gertie and Bal Gal; the Derby Plate three times with Wheed of Fortune, Bal Gal, and Duckie Ovum; the Jockey Club Cup twice, with Silver and Jaquette; and while, in 15 years the Clearwell Stake was carried off by Lord Falstaff and Matthew Dawson on never fewer than seven occasions, the former being beaten by Queen's Messenger, Kingcraft, and Fortune, Silver Jaquette, Bal Gal, Dutch Oven, and Harvester. The last-named will be remembered by old Timites, ran a dead heat with St. Leger for the Derby after the disposal and dispersal of Lord Falstaff's and Benbow's careers in the One Thousand Guineas and two Orbits.

NIGHT DAY ON THE TURF.

Strangely enough, the time seems to have passed, and the more mortal of such deeds as these, are finally endeavoured to encumber bring back to my mind such a host of events and circumstances surrounding this sunny period of the Turf's history that I scarcely know how to deal with them. Certainly it is that they cannot all be touched upon in the space of one brief letter. Let me at least claim to be just to one who has given his life to the turf, and who has left an inimitable memory behind him, that of English jockey, Fred Archer. With many of the most notable victories recorded in the preceding paragraph—"The Thoroughbred" (as he was popularly styled in the ring and elsewhere) was directly associated, and if never overtly boasted a devoted employer, no owner of racehorses, or a man of a royal or a devoted jockey to his command. It is interesting to note that his fame was world-wide, and those who never saw him win a race by a short lead can form but a poor conception of what a really great horseman is capable, and I think I may say this much without offending the tender susceptibilities of the admirers of other heroes such as Lister, and the like. Captain Cannon, and others, will tell of his skill, and of his moderation of celebrity. How splendidly Archer was able to gauge the capabilities and grasp the peculiarities of Silvio, Jaquette, Bal Gal, Wheed of Fortune, and Duckie Ovum may be guessed by glancing through the number of races he won on their backs. Who that followed racing at the time can ever forget the marvellous way in which he rode the "Trotter" (so called) to a dead heat with the St. Leger, and the third time he paled on the faces of some thousands at Doncaster when they saw the familiar maple jacket in front of that red-hot favourite Geheimnis. It was one of those moments when competition struggled with admiration for the master. And we must truly be getting older and our memory worse, for I could not give the names of the horses he rode, and the names of the jockeys he used to ride, and the like, without a few blots. Still, during that glorious period, Archer seemed to be able to win almost what he liked, and backers who followed the "Maple" must have been quite as well satisfied as when they took a warm-hearted tip to "Follow the Brown."

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CORING, hand-painted cards, showing gesso and the minuteness of form, I now confess myself unable to place on record anything to equal the astonishing run attributed to the distinguished trio of whom I have already spoken. But if we take a glance at our national pastime, we would find that it had been increasingly difficult to keep up to championship form in the crisis, whilst the truth furnishes us with very strong support. Where, then, did the brilliant Wanderer team fall football? Maintenance of form: why Surrey tasted the very drops of defeat for the gentlemanly John Shuter, and a

few other specimens of the minuteness of their shoulders to the wheel to hold back the forces of the Stars. Collected, Asia again, who can forget the series of Notts' efforts at which these accomplished bowlers were at their best—Alfred Shaw, Fred Morley? These men backed up as they were by nine other brilliant cricketers could almost have faced the world for several seasons. Can Gloucestershire, either, be forgotten when the triumphs of cricket field and spear of the world are mentioned? What need I speak of sturdy Lancashire and Scotland? Yorkshire, teeth such as those have accomplished can never be effaced as long as an English schoolboy can obtain a bat and ball in playtime! Ah! But continuance of form. Once let the finest continuation meet with what is known as bad start, and new men will come along to take the forward place, and then what a different tale there is to tell. Even of the disappointments may be, are keen as the great healer, Thimo, get to work.

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WHAT OF FOOTBALL?

If we turn our eyes to the winter game much the same difficulty will be found, be it Rugby or Association. Newport, Swanage, and all or all the right as hard as ever it is to find a good and skilful combination of a few seasons back has been partially destroyed, and other clubs in the Principality are making headway. Blackheath still acts as a magnet to many of our most brilliant exponents of the Rugby game, but Richmond has pursued of a marvellous amount of energy, and now, no other club in the field, to give anything away. Now and again, it happens that England can boast of a sturdy, clever forward line, and skilful tacklers and kickers, and kickers behind the "scrum"; then the men drop out of the game, and Scotland, or Ireland comes along and garners the laurels. And so the mimic war goes on, from the Rockingham one, to the Birmingham, and then another, and so on, until the players of the field, to give anything away. 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